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SENATE FILE 367
BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 153)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 15, 2011)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the protection of students from concussions
2 and other brain injuries.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **280.13C Brain injury policies.**

2 1. *a.* The Iowa high school athletic association and the
3 Iowa girls high school athletic union shall work together to
4 distribute the guidelines of the centers for disease control
5 and prevention of the United States department of health and
6 human services and other pertinent information to inform and
7 educate coaches, students, and the parents and guardians
8 of students of the risks, signs, symptoms, and behaviors
9 consistent with a concussion or brain injury, including
10 the danger of continuing to participate in extracurricular
11 interscholastic activities after suffering a concussion or
12 brain injury and their responsibility to report such signs,
13 symptoms, and behaviors if they occur.

14 *b.* Annually, each school district and nonpublic school shall
15 provide to the parent or guardian of each student a concussion
16 and brain injury information sheet, as provided by the Iowa
17 high school athletic association and the Iowa girls high
18 school athletic union. The student and the student's parent
19 or guardian shall sign and return the concussion and brain
20 injury information sheet to the student's school prior to the
21 student's participation in any extracurricular interscholastic
22 activity for grades seven through twelve.

23 2. If a student's coach or contest official observes signs,
24 symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion or brain
25 injury in an extracurricular interscholastic activity, the
26 student shall be immediately removed from participation.

27 3. *a.* A student who has been removed from participation
28 shall not recommence such participation until the student has
29 been evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in
30 the evaluation and management of concussions and other brain
31 injuries and the student has received written clearance to
32 return to participation from the health care provider.

33 *b.* For the purposes of this section, a "*licensed health care*
34 *provider*" means a physician, physician assistant, chiropractor,
35 advanced registered nurse practitioner, nurse, physical

1 therapist, or athletic trainer licensed by a board designated
2 under section 147.13.

3 *c.* For the purposes of this section, an "*extracurricular*
4 *interscholastic activity*" means any extracurricular
5 interscholastic activity, contest, or practice, including
6 sports, dance, or cheerleading.